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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652:

TAGS: OGEN

SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. FOR RAY SMITH. JACK LEVITT CASE (STATE 312997).
LEVIT IS SENDING HIS CUSTOMS RECEIPT TO CLIFF GROSS WITH
COPY OF LETTER FROM SOVIET CUSTOMS OFFERING TO RELEASE THE
CONFISCATED GOODS. SOVIET OFFER IS SHORT FUSED, AS IS
LEVITT, SO REQUEST YOU HAVE GOODS PICKED UP. LEVITT WILL
REIMBURSE.

2. FOLLOWING PHONE CONVERSATION WITH DAVE HESS, EARL MACK
CONTACTED JIM WILKINSON AND GUY CORRIDEN (NOW AT CSCE
COMMISSION) TO SEEK ADVICE ON PROCEEDING WITH POSSIBLE
VISIT TO MOSCOW TO FINALIZE ARRANGEMENTS FOR PREMIERE AND
SUBSEQUENT RELEASE OF HIS FILM ON THE KIROV BALLET SCHOOL.
MACK IS APPARENTLY CONCERNED TO ASSURE HIMSELF THAT "FULL
SUPPORT" OF USG WILL BE GIVEN IF HE PURSUES THE MATTER. WE
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GUESS THAT HE HAS PERHAPS MISINTERPRETED SOME HESS
COMMENTS AND/OR HE HOPES FOR EXPLICIT REASSURANCES OF SUCH
EMBASSY CONTRIBUTIONS AS THE SPASO RECEPTION EARLIER
AGREED WITH AMBASSADOR STOESSEL. HE IS MAKING CONTINGENCY
PLANS TO TRAVEL TO MOSCOW ABOUT MARCH 12 AND IS CONFIDENT
ON THE BASIS OF HESS' REMARKS AND HIS OWN ANALYSIS THAT HE
CAN ACHIEVE RESOLUTION OF PROBLEMS WITH BOGOMOLOV TO BE

FOLLOWED BY MOSCOW PREMIERE ONE TO TWO MONTHS LATER.
SHOULD WE ENCOURAGE HIM?

3. HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED YOUR CABLE ON IZVESTIYA.
THE RECOMMENDATION YOU MENTIONED OVER TELEPHONE WAS
INCORPORATED IN EARLIER MEMO WHICH HAS NOW BEEN PULLED
BACK FROM THE HIGH LEVEL THREE TIMES FOR REVISION. NO
ACTION. I HAVE THE FEELING SOMETHING MAJOR IS UNDERWAY
WHICH I AM NOT INFORMED ABOUT, BUT I DON'T KNOW IF IT IS
IN THIS FIELD OR NOT.
CHRISTOPHER

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